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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: February 8, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RELEASING CONNECTIONS IN AN ACCESS NETWORK**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

An abstract together with  
**21** pages of specification and claims including  
**45** numbered claims and also attached are  
**11** sheets of accompanying drawings.  
 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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60/184,327	February 23, 2000

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This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed .  
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 Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.  
 Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement / PTO-1449 / 1 reference;  Non-Publication Request;

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